Setting up of National Electricity Corporation

3407. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government for setting up a National Electricity Corporation to supervise and control State Electricity Boards;

(b) what are the details regarding the powers and functions of such a Corporation; and

(c) by when such a Corporation will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Production and export of coal

3408. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of coal produced in the country during the last three years;

(b) the total quantum of coal likely to be produced during the current financial year; and

(c) the quantum of coal exported during, the last three years, yearwise, alongwith the names of the countries to which coal was exported during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The total production of coal in the country during the last three years is given as under:—

(Figures in million tonne:)

1984-85	147·41
1985-86	154·20
1986-87	165·7

(b) The target fixed for production of coal for the year 1987-88 is of the order of 183.5 million tonnes.

(c) The quantum of coal exported during the last three years is as under:

(in lakh tonnes)

1984-85	1.19
1985-86	2.17
1986-87	1·63

The countries to which coal was exported during the above period are Bangla Desh, Nepal, Bhutan and South Korea.

Transfer of Power Connections in Delhi

3409. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the authorities of the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, Shankar Road, New Delhi insist on the production of a Ration Card by the widows for transferring power connections in their name after the death of the original allottee;

(b) if so, under which Rule or order is obligatory in the light of the sanction by the competent authorities and even by the District Judge, Delhi, having granted the letter of Administration to the widows; and

(c) what is the alternative which could satisfy the DESU and save the affected widows from unnecessary harassment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) According to Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, the ration card is not normally required to be produced for getting a domestic electricity connection transferred in the name of incoming allottee of the premises.